

REScind ALL FORMER ACTION  
AND LAY NEW LINE, SAYS MARR

"NICK" FAGAN  
SICKS DOG  
ONTO WIFE

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UNWIN WOMAN WILL RECOVER

Arthur Jeffile, president of the Connecticut Oyster Protective Association, has obtained from Former Republican City Attorney James A. Marr, advice upon the best method to be pursued in laying a harbor line that will protect the interest of the city.

It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Council in January the government line, which was laid under the old charter was repealed, and a so-called compromise line laid in its place.

Since then the pro-railroad agitators have raised the claim that because the city harbor line was laid under the old charter damages would have to be paid. It was this claim that induced Mr. Jeffile to seek further information.

Mr. Marr, in a brief statement which is substantially a repetition of his opinion upon the law governing the question, which was rendered to Mr. Jeffile and printed in the Farmer, completely disposes of all such claims.

He says that the common council has power to rescind all former action in reference to harbor lines, and then proceed to lay one satisfactory to the city, which without any question would then be laid under the new charter.

Mr. Marr also suggests that if there are any who doubt that the city has power under the new charter to lay harbor lines without compensating the land owners, that it is a very simple matter to go to the legislature and have the point removed from the realm of doubt.

While admitting the doubt, it is Mr. Marr's opinion that if a line were laid under the new charter the city would incur no liability for damages.

**Former Republican City Attorney Advises Best Way to Protect City's Rights--New Line Will be Under New Charter and No Damage Need be Paid -- State Has Full Power, and Any Doubt May be Removed by Charter Amendment.**

**HOW TO MEET HARBOR LINE PROBLEM**

To Arthur Jeffile,  
President Connecticut Oyster-  
men's Association:

In answer to your questions for further explanation as to the rights of the city to lay harbor lines in Bridgeport harbor, I would call your attention to my former opinion wherein it is stated:

1. That the State of Connecticut, in the interests of navigation, has the right to establish harbor lines as against the unexercised right of wharfing out without incurring any damages whatsoever.

2. That the State may delegate this power to the city of Bridgeport and confer upon the city the same immunity as the State itself has.

3. That the charter of 1906 required in express terms that the city pay all damages for laying harbor lines, etc.

4. That any harbor line laid under the old charter, whereby any kind of damages were inflicted, would necessarily have to be paid for by the city.

5. That the section in the old charter requiring the city to pay damages, etc., has been omitted in the new charter from the provisions requiring payment.

6. That, while there was doubt about the matter, still it was my opinion that if a line were laid under the new charter in the interests of navigation, that the city would thereby incur no liability for damages.

7. That, whatever, if any, doubt existed as to the immunity conferred upon the city by the present charter, this could be removed by the present Legislature now in session which has full power to confer upon the city all the rights which the State, itself, has.

8. That a harbor line laid under the present charter would not condemn the Naugatuck dock nor prevent its use, maintenance or repair, and, therefore, a harbor line established through it would cause no damages thereto.

You will notice that nowhere in my opinion has the question in any way been mentioned, involved or discussed as to whether the present controversy before the Common Council involves the laying of a line UNDER THE NEW CHARTER OR UNDER THE OLD CHARTER.

The Common Council has the power to rescind all former action in reference to this harbor line and then proceed at once to lay another harbor line which, without any question, would be then laid under the new charter.

And, as before stated, whatever doubt exists as to whether or not the present charter authorizes the city to lay harbor lines without paying damages, it is settled law in this State that the Legislature has the power to remove this doubt if the city and its citizens desire it, providing, of course, they get the Legislature to so specifically amend the charter.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of February, 1909.

JAMES A. MARR.

**Woman Uses Knife on Animal Which Terribly Lacerates Her Shoulder.**

**Says Husband Was Fooling, and Continues to Shelter Dog--Neighbors Say She Wouldn't If She Didn't Want to--Can Lick Both "Mike" and "Nick."**

The lower part of East Bridgeport has been stirred during the past few days by a story to the effect that Nicholas Fagan, a foreman at an East Side coal yard, had held his wife while a bull dog chewed her shoulder, one day last week. Rumor had it that Fagan and his spouse had quarreled and that, in his fury, the man had sicked the canine, an ugly looking brindle and black pup of the bull type, upon her.

Mrs. Fagan verified the story today when she said she was on her way to the police station to report the matter, but that she was getting paid back for what he did by having to pay the doctor bills.

"Did the cops tell you about it?" she asked a Farmer reporter, who called at the Fagan home, at the rear of 83 Cedar street, this morning. She thought the police had said something about the affair, but she was not sure. Had been sent to the house to investigate the matter. Mrs. Fagan had no complaint to make, and no arrest was made.

To the reporter the woman said this morning: "Mike (the dog) is an ugly brute. I keep the door open all the time so he can go and come when he wants to, or else he would go through the window to get out. My husband is in the habit of grabbing my skirt and saying to the dog 'Get her, Mike.' and he grabs my skirt. This day that the dog bites me was just after dinner, when Nick held me down and said, 'Get her, Mike.' The dog went further than Nick thought, and bit me twice in the arm near the shoulder. I was mad and I stuck a knife into the dog, but he didn't seem to mind it. I guess the dog is too mean to say any more mind the matter. He is a very black and blue mark and the swelling that they made. My elbow from the shoulder to the elbow, and half of my back, is black and blue and I can hardly move my arm."

Asked if she was sure her husband was fooling when he sicked the dog on her, she replied: "Oh, sure! Wasn't he always doing it?"

"Where is the dog now?" asked the reporter.

"There he is now," she said, pointing behind the stove where the animal lay, apparently asleep. "I am just after giving him a trimming with a broomstick for running a peddler out of the house. We don't have any keys in this house. I don't dare open the door any wider than this for fear he would take a notion to go after you."

The conversation with Mrs. Fagan, who is a rosy cheeked English woman, was held through a three inch opening in the door which she held ready to close any minute the dog made a move.

When the reporter left the door was left open a few inches as it was when he arrived so that Mike could go and come whenever he wanted to. The officials here don't seem to think it strange that the dog should be allowed the privileges of the domicile after biting her, but left the impression that Mike stood pretty well with his master.

Those who know Mrs. Fagan best declare that if the dog is in the house it is all right. The neighbors say that neither Mike nor Nick will bite her when she is set upon having her rights, although Nick is reputed to be the best man at rough and tumble in East Bridgeport, while Mike has licked all the bull dogs and other dogs for miles about.

**HOPKINSON KILLED HIMSELF; UNWIN WOMAN WILL RECOVER**

**East Bridgeport Stirred at Noon Today by Tragedy--Machinist After Vain Attempt Upon Life of Alleged Paramour, Cuts Own Throat.**

Crime Outcome of Hopkins's Arrest on Complaint of Husband of Woman Whose Home He Is Said to Have Wrecked -- Attacked Woman at Their Home in Pembroke Street During Dinner Hour--In Her Flight Mrs. Unwin Jumped From the Second Floor of the Building Through a Window.

William Henry Hopkinson, a skilled machinist, at 12:30 this noon cut the throat of Mrs. Aida Unwin, aged 34, and then cut his own with the same razor. He died almost immediately. The woman was removed to Bridgeport hospital. It is believed she will recover, although her throat is terribly gashed, and she is terribly weakened from loss of blood.

The tragedy occurred in the double frame structure at 457 Pembroke street, in which Mrs. Unwin made her home. Hopkinson, who was employed as a machinist, was found in a room on the upper floor, occupied by the family of William Wigglesworth.

While the facts of the tragedy are not completely known, although the terrible story of it is largely told by the surroundings, there is no doubt as to the motive.

Hopkinson is about 65 years old, but he is a man of excellent presence, and of good conversation. He boarded with Mrs. Unwin, whose husband had died some time ago. He was married three years past. The fact that Mrs. Unwin was some 21 years younger than Hopkinson apparently did not prevent some sort of an understanding arising between them as the result of which the neighbors began to talk.

As the tongue of rumor wagged, the tales of the relations between Hopkinson and the woman grew until they reached the machine room of the Salt's Textile company, in which both Unwin, the husband, and Hopkinson, the husband's successor in the affections of the wife, were employed, side by side.

Unwin made an investigation. What he saw has not been told. But when he returned to work the day following his discoveries he said significantly to Hopkinson, "I will make you pay for what you have done."

On last Friday Unwin undertook to make his threat good. He went to Judge Carl Foster, who issued a body writ, in which Hopkinson was charged with having alienated Mrs. Unwin's affections, and \$10,000 damages were claimed.

The writ was served by Sheriff Hamilton, upon Hopkinson, at his work in the machine department of the Salt's Textile company. The latter put on his coat, and accompanied the sheriff to the bank, where he obtained a certificate check for \$500, which he gave as a bond to secure his release.

Saturday night he went to Judge Foster and admitted his guilt. He offered to pay the costs of the proceeding, and make a cash settlement.

But Judge Foster was not in a position to effect a compromise at which Hopkinson seemed much disturbed. Hopkinson apparently brooded over the prospective loss of his earnings. He went to his work as usual. He was at his place in the factory this morning, apparently in a most serious mood and brooding. He had manifested disturbance over the deed and those which were uttered half good natured, and half in malice by his shopmates, but his most serious thoughts were directed to the contemplation of his fate at his advanced age if he should be deprived of his little savings.

He walked out of the factory at noon with the rest of the men in the department. Many observed him curiously, but none from his manner derived, or could have derived any clue to the terrible purpose that probably was then formed in his mind, of the termination that he doubtless had slowly reached, as he labored over the duties of the morning.

He would end his troubles by ending his own life and the woe of the woman who as it seemed to him had caused them.

When he arrived at the little house on Pembroke street he went upstairs to his room.

A description of the room is essential to a proper understanding of the deed of blood that was committed. It is a small room. In the center of it is a bed. The windows of it front upon the roof of a broad veranda.

At the foot of the bed is a table. Behind the table, in a corner is a little dresser, over which is a little mirror, a plain piece of cheap glass of distorted reflection, which is about six inches square.

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**HATERS' STRIKE IS LIKELY TO BE LONG DRAWN OUT**

Shops Will Open Tomorrow With Non-Union Men, Mostly Green Hands.

President Mundheim Say Manufacturers Will Fight to a Finish--Not a Hat Has Been Made Since Strike Began.

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Feb. 8.—That the strike of hat factory operators now in its fourth week will be a long drawn out bitter struggle, is the opinion of the hat manufacturers who have begun to prepare for a lengthy siege which they expect will follow the operation of the shops under the open-shop system.

Samuel Mundheim, president of the Associated Hat Manufacturers said today that the manufacturers would fight to the end and will have absolutely nothing to do with the unions.

"The strike has been on over three weeks," said Mr. Mundheim, "and not a hat has been made since the strike affected during that time. We will open to-morrow, hiring men as individuals."

"Do you expect the union men to return to the shops they have left?" "No, we will undoubtedly be forced to employ green hands. For that reason we will not put on a full force at first."

"Will wages be cut?" "We will present union standard." "That will rest entirely with the individual manufacturers. I think that they will not be cut to any great extent."

"Do you expect any trouble when you open the factories?" "The factories have all been picketed by the strikers since the strike began. We have no way of knowing what their plans or intentions are."

The officials of the United Hatters, the union organization, would say nothing to-day as to their plans about the strike. They are busy raising funds to continue the strike however.

South Norwalk, Feb. 8.—As a final appeal to the striking hatters, the officials of the United Hatters, the largest hat manufacturers in the city, to-day issued a letter to each of their employees who are out on strike asking them to return to work to-morrow morning when the shops are reopened.

The letter says in part: "We intend to deal with the workman as an individual without regard to membership in any labor union and we will run our business free from outside interference of any kind. We have no prejudice against the union men, but we feel compelled to deal with the individual. Under no circumstances will we change our attitude and we will employ who will receive adequate protection."

It is not likely, however, that any of the strikers will accept the invitation to go to work as they feel they will ultimately win out.

Danbury, Feb. 8.—That the manufacturers will open their factories here to-morrow is a certainty but whether they will be able to operate them is a question. All the hatters have been sound and there isn't the slightest possibility of any wavering in their ranks. As there have been no non-union men imported, the officials of the union believe that the manufacturers will open their shops with the idea that some of the senior class of the union men will go to work and that in a few days they will be compelled to close again.

**TWO ARE DEAD ONE DYING IN TRAIN WRECK**

Illinois Central Train Derailed Near Coldwater, Miss.—Work of Wreckers, Say Officials.

(Special from United Press.)  
Cold Water, Miss., Feb. 8.—Fireman Martin Senton of Memphis and an unknown passenger were killed, one other seriously injured, and four persons were badly hurt in a wreck on the Illinois Central road this morning.

Among the most seriously injured were: George Matthews, express messenger; Harry Smith, mail carrier; G. L. Barnett, engineer, badly scalded; serious; Division Supt. Neudorfer, badly bruised; Thrash, mail carrier, badly injured.

The train was due in Chicago to-night. It consisted of mail, express and baggage cars with two day coaches, a library car and four sleepers. The wreck occurred about 10 miles from Coldwater, where the train was derailed by a wrecking car. Of the 149 passengers on the train about 15 were injured, several so seriously as not to have fully recovered.

**HAZLETON WANTED ON MURDER CHARGE IN NEW HAVEN**

His Wife's Body Was Found in a Trunk Saturday Night—May Be in Bridgeport.

(Special from United Press.)  
New Haven, Feb. 8.—That James T. Hazleton, the negro, charged with the murder of his wife, Mary Hazleton, whose body was found Saturday night jammed in a trunk, has been in this city since the crime was committed, because known today when Mrs. S. O'Brady, the woman who owns the house where the deed was committed, stated that a neighbor informed her that Hazleton had returned on January 10, had torn up the carpet and took it away with him. Officers in every section of the State are on the lookout for him and there is a strong suspicion that he is living in Bridgeport.

**JAIL SENTENCES FOR POLY MEN WITH RECORDS**

Judge Pullman Could Not See That Simple Fines Made Any Impression in Stopping the Game, Which He Called the Most Pericious Form of Gambling.

The policy game in this city received a hard blow this morning in the city court, when Judge Pullman fined each of the seven prisoners caught in the raid Thursday afternoon \$100, and added a jail sentence in three cases. In addition to the fine, John Carpenter received a sentence of 30 days in jail and Edward Quigley and John Dustin each had 20 days tacked on to their punishment.

Before passing judgment on the policy men, Judge Pullman made some pertinent remarks concerning the game. He said it was the most pernicious form of gambling. The records of arrests and fines did not seem to have any influence in stopping the game.

The record of Quigley in New Haven did not indicate that the Elm City judge was having any better success in suppressing the game than those of this city. Carpenter's police record went back to 1892. The judge evidently regarded him as the king pin in the game for he fined the accused \$100 and costs which is the limit and added a jail sentence of thirty days.

Quigley's record in New Haven goes back to 1887. He has been in this city only a few months and the judge added a jail sentence of only 20 days to his \$100 fine, which showed a certain recognition of the laws of hospitality and the courtesy due a stranger. Dustin's record was read. It went back only to 1906, but he got 20 days added to his fine of \$100 just the same. All of the others got off with a fine of \$100 each.

Every case was appealed. Those who got off with a simple fine put up a bond of \$100 each. The others put up \$200 for appearance in the Superior court.

**BODY OF AGED MAN FOUND**

(Special from United Press.)  
Syracuse, Feb. 8.—The body of the old man found on an island in the Naugatuck river about a mile below Seymour yesterday has not yet been identified. The man was about 70 years of age and according to the medical examiner had been dead at least two months, his death having resulted from natural causes. The body is frozen and in a good state of preservation.

**QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS DANCE AND WHIST**

To Be Given at the "Stratfield" on February 18.

The members of the Queen's Daughters met at the home of Mrs. Joseph A. O'Brien yesterday afternoon and made arrangements for a ball and whist to be given at the Stratfield Feb. 18. The ball will be held in the large hall while the whist will take place in the small banquet room. The committees in charge of the dance have not been completed as yet but will be announced during the week when they will be announced. The committee in charge of the whist include: The Mesdames Peter Sullivan, Joseph Wilcoxon, Lyman Hill, William Hickey, John Moore, John Holtz, Thomas P. Cottle, Isaac Williams, Frederick C. Mullins, George T. McCarthy and John McElroy. A whist will also be held in the afternoon at the same place. Sheriff Peter Doolan has presented a large clock which will be given to the whist player scoring the highest number of points during the afternoon and evening sessions. Another meeting will be held Friday evening Feb. 12 at the home of Mrs. O'Brien at which arrangements for the three events will be completed.

**WALL STREET TO-DAY.**

(Special from United Press.)  
11 A. M.—The market was quiet but with a generally firm tone and although some declines were sustained in the early trading because of moderate action in the lowest in nearly every department there was no outside supply and efforts by the traders to buy stocks caused some fractional advances in the last half of the first hour. Reading was prominent advancing over one point. Amalgamated made a slight advance. People's Gas continued in good demand and advanced about 1 point.

Noon—People's Gas moved up 7-8 more in the second hour. This was the only feature in the last half of the forenoon. There was a moderate reaction in the lowest in nearly every department but the gains and range of transactions were limited to a point.

**PRESIDENT HOLDS MANY CONFERENCES**

Japanese Question Talked Over From Many Points of View.

Western Senator and Other Officials Closed With the President This Morning.

(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—An hour's conference was held at the White House today on the Californian situation between the President, Secretary of State Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State O'Laughlin, Senator Flint and Representative Kahn of California, and Franklin Lane, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, who is also a Californian. After the conference broke up each member declined any publication as to its purposes or results stating that they must get your information from the President, explained Senator Flint, "The President has talked very freely on various phases of the situation. He explained that the subject of discussion was brought up by the President himself. He asked to be excused from questioning."

Secretary Bacon merely said: "There is nothing sensational in this meeting." Senator Flint, upon leaving, remarked: "You can see that the conference was a non-partisan one, for Mr. Lane is a prominent Democrat."

Commissioner Lane returned recently from a trip through the Pacific coast states. The President left the White House at noon to attend a private luncheon. Shortly before his departure he called Secretary of State Bacon for another conference.

Later in the Day Representative McLaughlin, of California and Humphreys of Washington were closeted with the President. They also discussed the anti-Japanese agitation but declined to talk. The President made a further with Mr. Humphreys for a further (Continued on Second Page)

**Touey Jailed for Not Having License**

(Special from United Press.)  
New Haven, Feb. 8.—John N. Touey, scion of a wealthy New York family and a member of the senior class of the Sheffield Institute of Yale was to-day sentenced to ten days in jail for operating a motor cycle without a license and was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of reckless driving. Touey appealed the case and was released under a bond of \$150.

**MRS. HAMBLIN IS STILL MISSING**

The police have not located Mrs. Nellie Hamblin, who disappeared mysteriously from her home, 66 Freeman street, last Friday. The missing woman is the wife of Herbert Hamblin, an employee of the John Moore Co. and the daughter of Mrs. Carrie Pratt of Stratford. She is 22 years of age and the mother of two children who are now with the father.

She identified no preparations for an extended absence for she wore only her ordinary clothing when she left her home Friday evening, saying she was going to visit a friend, Mrs. Williams, on Orange street. Her husband and friends know of no reason why she should disappear. There had been no quarrel with her husband.

**RIOT IN FRENCH COURT**

Paris, Feb. 8.—A riot occurred today in the court room where the students guilty of the riot outbreak at the University of Sartone were being tried. A group of Royalists in sympathy with the students started the trouble by shouting "Down with the republic!" The judge ordered the gendarmes to clear the court room and a hand to hand fight followed. When the riot was at its height several orators attempted to make political speeches from the benches.

After the fight had lasted a quarter of an hour the police succeeded in restoring order but all the spectators were excluded from the court room.

The St. Joseph's will play the Newfields to-night at the Brookline rink. The game will start at a quarter of eight in order to have the big game played a little earlier for the Watersbury boys so they can return home before to-morrow. Don't forget to come early.

**MORAN WAS A MAN WHO DARED**

Boston's District Attorney Fought His Way Into Public Eye.

Boston, Feb. 8.—John B. Moran, Attorney of Suffolk county, who died Saturday night in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was seeking to restore his health, broken by tuberculosis, had gained the popular sobriquet of "the Man who Dared," by indomitable will and brilliant courage as a criminal lawyer and cross-examiner, as well as a public debater.

We desire to thank our friends, neighbors and members of Naomi Lodge, S. of B., and also the Sea Side Circle of Foresters for their kindness in the loss of our dear wife and mother.

MICHAEL O'LAUGHLIN and Family.

**Tax Board and Council Meet Tonight**

The Board of Apportionment and Taxation will meet tonight to consider the estimates for the year and make a preliminary list. The Common Council also meets tonight to take up the Mayor's charter amendments. It is considered likely that the amendment relating to a board of public works will not be favorably considered by the Aldermen.

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**NOTICE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. Frank J. Sladky, or by maiden name, Ella May Campbell, on or hereafter, Feb. 4, '09.

Signed, FRANK J. SLADKY.

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**MISS ELIZABETH R. CURTIS** will remain in charge of Dr. Leavenworth's office during the coming few weeks. Eye examinations carefully made. Broken lenses accurately renewed. Adjustments made without charge. Hours 8:30 to 12:30 to 5. B 6 s o

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the trustees of the Bridgeport Protestant Widows' Society for the election of officers, and the transaction of any other business proper to be done at said meeting, will be held at the home, Tuesday, February 9th, 1909, at 2 p. m. Adelaide E. Sherman, corresponding secretary. B 4 s o

**DR. WALTERS, DENTIST**, 1062 Main St. Office hours from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m. Sundays 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. P 22 o

**GREAT RELIEF** from headache and constipation, Casca Laxative tablets, 25 cts. B 3 o

**WANTED**—Railway Mail Clerks, \$300 first year. Examination for Bridgeport May 15th. Preparation free. Franklin Institute, Dept. 609, Rochester, N. Y. B 3 b b o

**WANT YOU TO KNOW** that Peter Iron is the man that "first" made Meat Loaf in Bridgeport. Get the right kind and beware of imitations. Sold everywhere. If you can't get it at your dealer send postal or phone to 1216 Stratford Ave. B 3 d o

**CARD READER**—Advice on all affairs, 25c. Mrs. Levy, 674 Madison Ave., 4th house above North Ave. G 6 s t f

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